



**Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
**945 Rancho Vista Dr., Prescott, AZ 86303**  
**928-778-6672**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dec 7</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Detention, Relocation and Internment post-Pearl Harbor</b></p> <p>Sue Tone looks at what led up to FDR's Executive Order 9066 and the resulting imprisonment of 125,000 Japanese-Americans. Music: Jonathan Best.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dec 14</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Spiritual , Agnosticism, Gratitude and Grace in a Season of Light</b></p> <p>Henry Flurry shares how letting go of certainty opened unexpected space for gratitude and grace, reflecting on his journey as a spiritual agnostic in a season of light. Music: Maria and Henry Flurry.</p> <p><a href="#">PUUF Annual Congregational Meeting - after provided lunch.</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dec 20</b> Saturday 5 pm</p>	<p><b>PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - Surviving Christmas.</b></p> <p>Potluck at 5pm. Movie at 6pm. See <a href="#">page 7</a> for details.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dec 21</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Winter Solstice Service</b></p> <p>Music: Kathleen Hess, John Phillips, and Luis Kennedy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dec 28</b> Sunday 11 am</p>	<p><b>Humorous Holiday Poetry with Harp</b></p> <p>Music: Adrienne Bridgewater</p>

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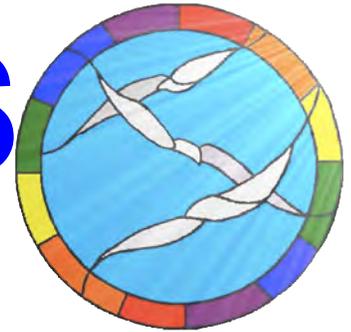
### **PUUF Facilities Available**

PUUF facilities are available for use for small gatherings.  
Refer to the <https://puuf.net/facility-rentals> for rental information.

**Board of Trustees meeting** will be on December 7 after the Sunday Service.

# PUUF NEWS

December 2025



## Board of Trustees

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## Discover What Makes Us Unique Featuring this month's remarkable PUUF Member

*This is a series of newsletter feature articles about PUUF friends and members so we can get to know each other on a deeper more expanded level – before we learn of all the interesting things we wished we knew about before reading the obituary.*



You might find this PUUF member ducking yellow jackets, but they're no wimp. They have the strength, speed, flexibility and mental agility to have competed in fencing at the national level at age 13.

They come from a family of degree earners, including themselves with a Master's degree. "My mom has a PhD, my dad also has an M.S., and I think there are six other doctorates on my mom's side. It's wild."

Born in South Africa, their British mother was an engineer; their father was a chemical engineer. They described South African culture as being homophobic and containing "toxic masculinity." This and their Christian religion have caused them to be estranged from some family members.

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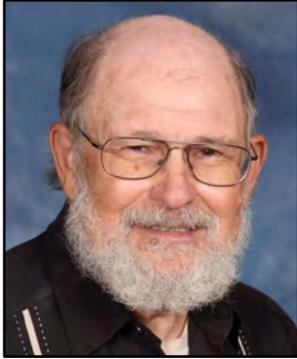
## Annual Congregational Meeting

Dec 14 - after service. Lunch will be provided. Open to Members and Friends alike! Find out all about "behind-the-scenes" and make your voice heard.



# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## President's Letter



Hello everyone, and welcome to winter. Finally we are getting some rain and in the high country a bit of snow.

I had a realization today that I'd like to pass on to you all. Now, I have spent much of my life in the Twentieth Century as most of you have. Do you realize that twenty-five percent of the Twenty-First Century is almost gone? Whew, unbelievable.

At PUUF we are having our annual Congregational Meeting Dec. 14. At the meeting, you will find out how we are doing at PUUF with membership and finances. This is important for you to know because there will be voting on issues and positions for the next year. If you have been a member since Nov. 14, you are eligible to participate in the voting. Lunch will be served courtesy of the board and the Ron Ricklefs Award will be announced. Please attend.

Wishing all of you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year, 2026!!!



## Acker Night - Dec 12



Over 100 musicians and 100 venues come together donating their time, talent, and businesses for Acker Night.

All donation "tips for scholarships" bags are located in each of the participating businesses in front of the performers for you to donate.

The event is produced solely by local community volunteers and residents. Acker Night donations go to scholarships for pianos, musical instruments, and private lessons.

This year PUUF's **Sue Tone** and **Mark Mathewson** will be performing at First Equity Title Agency on the northeast corner of the Courthouse Square (102 W Gurley, Suite #101. Sue performing with her adult and children's ukulele group at 5:30 pm and Mark on the organ at 7 pm.

See the list of all performers and venues at <https://www.ackernight.com/acker-night-schedule>. Help promote music in the Prescott Area. Come and have a listen to a wide variety of music around town.



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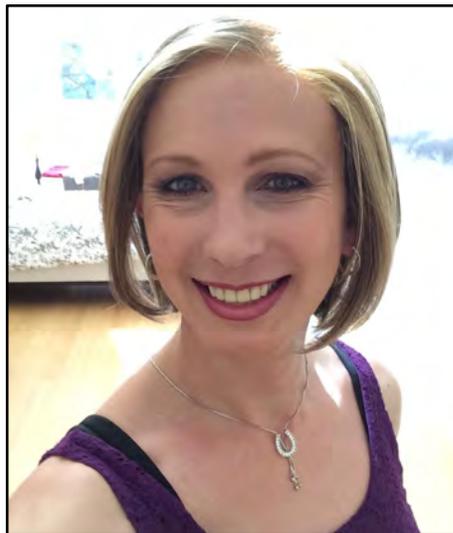
Feather Levey grew up in a Christian household where they were taught about Source, something they didn't fully understand, but wanted in their life.

“One of the early lessons I had was about our conscience. My dad described our conscience as God/the Holy Spirit speaking to us, and that has stuck with me. I still firmly believe that we all have a connection to Source and that we all hear Source, but that it may just be that small voice whispering to us from inside, Feather said. During their college years, they pulled away from the church, and explored magic, the occult, and card readings with an oracle deck.

Feather's first connection with PUUF was attending a movie night as a guest of juniper flurry. They have been attending Sunday services since then, and signed the membership book Oct. 26, 2025.

“During my first Sunday here, I shared my concern of being housing insecure, and the quiet support from sharing that with a group of people and no longer being alone in it made me want to keep coming back. The energy from the joys and concerns is one of my favorite parts of every Sunday,” they said.

As for the Seven UU Principles, Feather said, “My life is guided by a consciousness that already embodies these principles (and might go beyond them, in some cases. I haven't put my guide's directives into words). I am reminded every time I see these principles that a UU church is a good space for me to be in, because I (unless I am there to do work) cannot spend time in a space that does not live out these principles.”



Currently, Feather practices with a local roller derby group, is learning music from Enjolis (Jonathan Best), and is active in grassroots organizing. “Recently I was the stage manager for a community play (Twelfth Night), but I don't know if that was a one-off adventure, or if it will become a regular undertaking of mine,” they said.

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A few years ago, Feather patented a blockchain. “During the pandemic, my ex and I co-founded a blockchain company, and part of our work was patenting our novel blockchain. We also worked with a team of advisers to determine the value-add of our company. One of our advisers was on the team that brought Siri to market.”

As for their fencing expertise at the national level, Feather said, “I made it to mid-tier before I got eliminated, but I did it! I would have gone further with the sport if time and money weren't a factor.”

En garde! Prêt! Allez!



**For those not familiar with what a block chain is, it is as old as the clay tablets used by Mesopotamians thousands of years ago to record transactions and balances.**

**From Search Assist:** A blockchain is a decentralized digital ledger that securely records transactions across a network of computers, ensuring that the data is transparent, immutable, and resistant to tampering. It consists of linked blocks that contain transaction data, making it ideal for applications like cryptocurrencies and supply chain management.



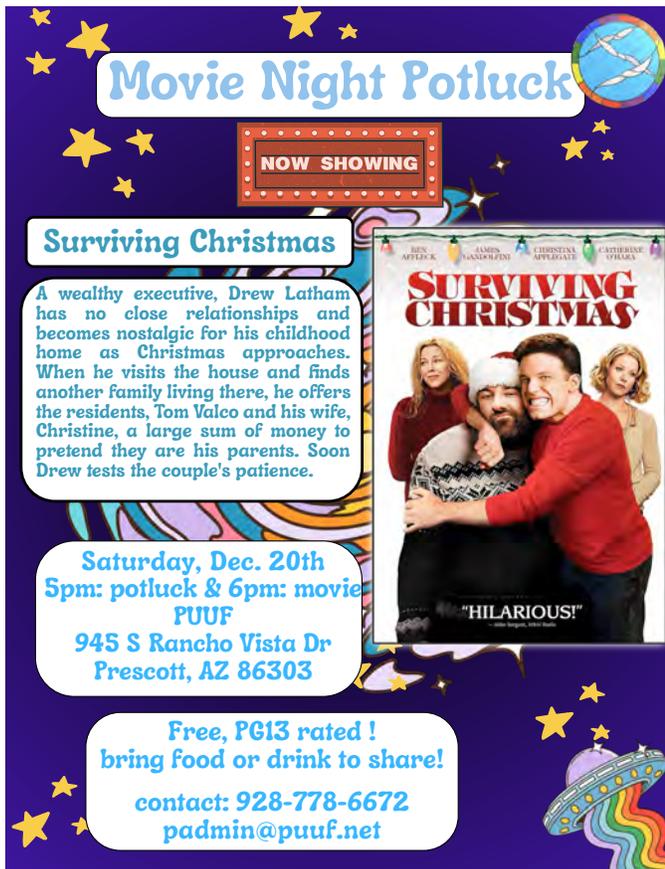
Rough time moving to Arizona from the East Coast



Prescott hiking Friends

# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## PUUF Movie Night and Potluck - Dec 20



**Movie Night Potluck**

**NOW SHOWING**

**Surviving Christmas**

A wealthy executive, Drew Latham has no close relationships and becomes nostalgic for his childhood home as Christmas approaches. When he visits the house and finds another family living there, he offers the residents, Tom Valco and his wife, Christine, a large sum of money to pretend they are his parents. Soon Drew tests the couple's patience.

**Saturday, Dec. 20th**  
3pm: potluck & 6pm: movie  
PUUF  
945 S Rancho Vista Dr  
Prescott, AZ 86303

**Free, PG13 rated!**  
bring food or drink to share!

contact: 928-778-6672  
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**SURVIVING CHRISTMAS**

**"HILARIOUS!"**

Please plan to attend this month's movie night and potluck. Doors open 4:45 pm, potluck at 5 pm, and movie starts at 6 pm.



This month's movie: **Surviving Christmas**. A wealthy executive, Drew Latham has no close relationships and becomes nostalgic for his childhood home as Christmas approaches. When he visits the house and finds another family living there, he offers the residents a large sum of money to pretend they are his parents. Soon Drew tests the couple's patience.

Enjoy this movie with our community. Please bring drinks or dishes to share. No alcohol please.

Free - no admission charge.

Movie night is nearly always scheduled for the third Saturday of each month.

## Something must be in the water!

PUUF is really on a roll these days. In the past two weeks, five people have signed the Membership Book to become PUUF Members bringing the number of new members this year to 13, and total members to 29.

Per the bylaws: *Any person may become a Member of this Fellowship, who is in sympathy with its purpose and program, by signing the Membership Book, and thereby accepting the obligation to participate and to help support the Fellowship by financial or other means. No test of creed, faith, belief, national origin, race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical ability or similar criterion shall be imposed as a condition of Membership.*

Members have the right to vote and therefore can help direct the future path of PUUF.

PUUF is indeed fortunate to have these five new members. Please welcome them:

- Connie Campbell (11/23/2025)
- Mike Castro (11/30/2025)
- Siuyin Castro (11/30/2025)
- Blaine Lemert (11/30/2025)
- Rosemary Murray (11/30/2025)

Pictures and more coming next month!

# PUUF ACTIVITIES

## Ron Ricklefs Celebrates 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday with Family

The Ricklefs family celebrated Ron's 91st birthday early due to them being in Prescott for Thanksgiving. Cake was shared at Highgate Senior Cottage with his friends - 24 in total. His birthday is actually on December 3rd.



## Tom and Christa at Gypsy's Bakery - Dec 6



**Kathleen's "Clear Channel Music"**  
FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025  
12-2 pm

**FIRST ACT FEATURING**  
Angela Charissa & Drew Hall  
Performing beautiful original acoustic music with positive, heart warming lyrics.

**SECOND ACT FEATURING**  
Tom "The Godfather of Folk" & Christa Agostino  
Showcasing their vocals and original songs. They have been performing throughout Arizona since moving to Prescott in 2002.

220 Goodwin St., Ste. 1, Old Firehouse Plaza, Prescott

Enjoy live acoustic music at the best bakery in town!  
(breakfast and lunch served all day)

Contact Kathleen: (928) 772-8838 (msg. no text); email: [kathleenhesspratt@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenhesspratt@gmail.com)

Kathleen Hess's music programs at Gypsy's Bakery occurs the first Saturday of each month. This month, on Dec 6, she welcomes Tom and Christa Agostino for the second act.

Come enjoy the music, starting at noon. Have a light lunch or snack to support the bakery.

Tom and Christa Agostino, as well as Kathleen have played at PUUF for Sunday services.



# PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

## Nov 2: How Feather Came to be (here)

Feather Levey talked about their life growing up in an evangelical Christian family and then leaving during their college years to explore other belief systems. An understanding of autism and neuro-divergent approach to gender and life led them to Arizona and Prescott. Wendy and Nancy Robertson provided music with their inimitable blended voices.



## Nov 9: My father was forced to be a Nazi in WWII



Jen Emmerich was born in Canada to a German father, English mother, and no grandparents or other family members. She explained her father's experience within the Nazi party during WWII when he was ordered into military service at age 17. He was captured by the Americans and spent time as a POW in Belgium before emigrating to Canada. Emmerich talked about similarities leading up to Nazism and current events in the U.S. such as laws that limited travel and jobs for

certain groups of people. Womansong's selections were perfect for the topic.

**MY FATHER**

In 1943, a German teenager named Gerd was ordered to military training. The 17 year-old had grown during the rise of Nazism in Germany; he was the only survivor of a family profoundly disturbed by the events of WW II.

This presentation examines his experiences as a youth, soldier, and prisoner of war as seen through his daughter's eyes.

**A Presentation By ....**

Jen Emmerich, LCSW ACSW  
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Gerd in his later years (2018) in Canada where he lived after war's end

**CONTACT JEN**

This presentation is available to nonprofit and other community organizations. Please contact Jen for more information.

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**ACCIDENTAL SOLDIER**  
Notes on Tyranny



*A daughter's reflections of her German father's experiences growing up during the rise of the Third Reich in Nazi Germany*

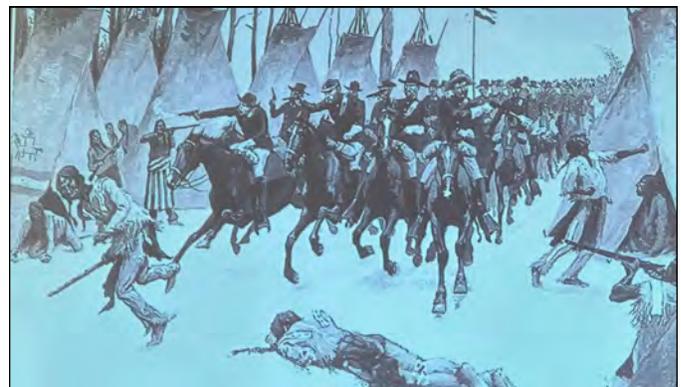
# PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

Nov 9: *continued*



## Nov 16: Sand Creek Massacre of 1864

The marker in Colorado telling about the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864 calls the massacre site a battle ground; however it was an unprovoked assault resulting in the death and mutilation of more than 600 Cheyenne and Arapaho people by 675 U.S. Army soldiers in the Colorado Territory. When Meg Bohrman viewed the land and learned the history, she felt the event deeply and composed a song telling the story.



# PUUF PROGRAM RECAP

## Nov 23: Energy Healer

Siuyin Castro left the corporate world 10 years ago and now works full time as an intuitive energy healer and spiritual teacher. She explained several different ways to work with universal life force and emotions. She said illness develops over time when trauma is not dealt with and healed. Mike Castro, Siuyin's husband, introduced two of his original compositions accompanied on guitar, and was joined by Kai Kennedy on piano on a third number.



## Nov 30: Storytelling Sunday

We ate. We sang. We told stories. Thankful we can celebrate so much love with so much joy in our fellowship.

